THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Both the DDA and the Delhi Administration have conveyed that no plots were allotted to Harijans or weaker sections of the society in villages Jaunapur during the last three years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such scheme. Allottees are free to have their houses built through whatever agency they choose.

Rural landless employment guarantee

*36. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government took a decision about 3 years ago that at least one member of each landless labour family would be provided employment for 100 days in a year under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme; if so, the results achieved so far, State-wise;

(b) the average earnings of each member of such families per day;

(c) the number of landless labour families and the percentage out of them who have been benefited under this scheme in each State/Union Territory; and

(d) the average annual expenditure incurred by Government on each such family under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (d) Midway during the Sixth Plan the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme was started with the dual objectives of expanding employment opportunities in rural areas and providing sharper focus on the landless labour households which constitute the hardcore of the people below poverty line. One of the basic objectives of this programme is to improve and expand employment opportunities for rural landless with a view to providing guarantee of employment to at least one member of every rural landless labour household upto 100 days in a year. When the programme was launched, it was expected that some time would be taken in the formulation of projects of works, sanction of these projects and in undertaking other administrative measures for implementing the programme. The concept of Guarantee could not be operationalised. The Sixth Plan target under the programme was, therefore, fixed only in terms of against a target of generation of 360 million mandays in the Sixth Plan, 262.75 million mandays were generated. The provision for employment to a member of individual landless labour family could not be monitored.

The Seventh Plan document states while implementing the programme in the Seventh Plan period, efforts would also be made to implement limited guarantee for providing 80 to 100 days employment to the landless labour households through this programme. Accordingly, enforcement of guarantee has been started on pilot scheme basis. Under the scheme, it has been suggested to the State/Union Territories to introduce employment guarantee cards on some approved work/works in each RLEGP project and monitor the provision of employment on the basis of these cards. This approach may be expanded to all the areas after observing the success it achieves.

The target in the year 1985-86 was 205.73 million mandays against which the generation of employment was 230.10 million mandays.

Dues payable to Calcutta Corporation by the Central Government offices in Calcutta

*37. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which ap-

peared in the Bharat Katha of 26th June, 1986, published from Calcutta, that more than Rs. 15 crore are due from various Central Government offices in Calcutta to the Calcutta Corporation as rent and service charges;

(b) if so, the details of the dues of the various Central Government offices, office-wise, to Calcutta Corporation, during the last three years; year-wise; and

(c) the details of the action being taken by Government to clear the dues of Calcutta Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) to (c) Though it has not been possible to lay our hands on this particular press report, we are aware that there is some problem of payment of dues to the Calcutta Municipal Corporation by various Central Government offices in Calcutta. The details are not immediately available and are being collected. Government is anxious to settle the matter at the earliest.

Allotment of Sites/Plots to Shopkeepers of the Central Vista Mess, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi

*38. SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shopkeepers of the Central Vista Mess situated on Dr. Rajendra Road, New Delhi, are being allotted alternative sites or plots in lieu of their shops which are to be demolished to facilitate the construction of a National Theatre Complex in the memory of Shrimati Indira Gandhi;

(b) if so, whether the alternative sites/accommodation would ge on par in terms of commercial value and business potentiality with the sites which are presently occupied by the shopkeepers; and

(c) the reasons if any, consideration the cases of these shopkeepers by the Slum Department of DDA?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR):

(a) Yes, Sir. Alternative plots or stalls would be allotted to all those who fulfil the criterian of eligibility in regard to duration of occupation etc.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Shopkeepers would be allotted alternative accommodation similar to that allotted to the commercial evictees under the Slum Clearance Programme and their cases would be considered by the Slum Department of the DDA.

Telecast of Assamese Programmes in National Programme of Doordarshan

*39. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction on the wearing of Assamese dress by artists at the time of telecasting Assamese programmes from the Guwahati Centre of Doordarshan;

(b) whether Doordarshan has any proposal to telecast the Satriya Dance, Drama and Music of Assam in the National programme of Doordarshan; and

(c) whether Government propose to relay the Guwahati programmes through other transmitting centres of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) A common programme for the centre North-East Region is envisaged to be made available from Guwahati for relay, via satellite, by all transmitters in the region. A separate programme production centre and satellite uplink are under implementation, at Guwahati, for this purpose.